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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment submitted April 1, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 51-66.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

/Eric S Olson/
Examiner, Art Unit 1623

/Shaojia Anna Jiang/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1623

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Henry Coleman on June 12, 2009.

Claim 53 is amended as follows:

53. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 51 wherein said dioxolane thymine compound is coadministered with at least one anti-HIV agent selected from the group consisting of 3TC, (Lamivudine) (-)-FTC, (emtricitabine) ddI, (didanosine) ddC, (Zalcitabine) abacavir, tenofovir, D-D4FC, (reverset) racivir, L-D4FC, (L-beta-2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxy-5-fluorocytidine) NVP, (Nevirapine) DLV, (Delaviridine) EFV, (Efavirenz) SQVM, (Saquinavir mesylate) RTV, (Ritanovir) IDV, (indinavir) SQV, (Saquinavir) NFV, (Nelfinavir) APV, (amprenavir) LPV, (lopinavir) fuseon and mixtures thereof.

61. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 59 wherein said dioxolane thymine compound is coadministered with at least one anti-HIV agent selected from the group consisting of 3TC, (Lamivudine) (-)-FTC, (emtricitabine) ddI, (didanosine) ddC, (Zalcitabine) abacavir, tenofovir, D-D4FC, (reverset) racivir, L-D4FC,

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(L-beta-2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxy-5-fluorocytidine) NVP, (Nevirapine) DLV,
(Delaviridine) EFV, (Efavirenz) SQVM, (Saquinavir mesylate) RTV, (Ritonavir) IDV,
(indinavir) SQV, (Saquinavir) NFV, (Nelfinavir) APV, (amprenavir) LPV, (lopinavir)
fuseon and mixtures thereof.

Detailed Action

This office action is a response to applicant's communication submitted April 1, 2009 wherein claims 1-40 and 45-50 are cancelled and new claims 51-66 are introduced. This application is a national stage application of PCT/US03/39029, filed December 8, 2003, which claims benefit of provisional application 60/431812, filed December 9, 2002.

Claims 51-66 are pending in this application.

Claims 51-66 as amended are examined on the merits herein.

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant's amendment, submitted April 1, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claim 50 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefinitely describing the subject of claim 47 as a composition, has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the rejected claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Applicant's amendment, submitted April 1, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 23-29 and 47 under 35 USC 102(e) for being anticipated by Belleau et al., has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the rejected claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

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Applicant's amendment, submitted April 1, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 1-22, 30-40, and 45-47 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over Belleau et al. in view of Merck in view of Kim et al., has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the rejected claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Applicant's amendment, submitted April 1, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 1-40, and 45-47 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over Liotta et al. in view of Merck in view of Kim et al., has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the rejected claims have been cancelled. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Currently claims 51-66 are pending in this application and have been examined on the merits herein. Applicant's amendment submitted April 1, 2009, is seen to be persuasive to remove all rejections of record in the previous office action and place the application in condition for allowance. Reasons for allowance are as follows:

The claimed invention is seen to be adequately described and enabled by the specification as originally filed. Pp. 4-5 of the specification disclose methods of using the claimed dioxolane thymine compounds to treat resistant HIV strains including strains resistant to AZT, And further coadministering the additional active agents recited in claims 52, 53, 60, and 61. Example 1 on p. 15 specifically discloses using dioxolane thymine to treat specific strains including the claimed strains K65R, M184V, and T215Y.

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Furthermore, the examples on pp. 15-21 provide sensitivity data which enables one skilled in the art to use these compounds for treating drug-resistant HIV. Making the necessary dioxolane thymine compounds is enabled by the reference Chu et al. which is incorporated by reference at the bottom of p. 10. Therefore the claims meet the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Furthermore the claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art. The prior art does not disclose a method of treating the specific strains K65R, M184V, and T215Y recited in the instant claims. Because these strains are known to be resistant to other nucleoside analogs, there is no expectation in the prior art that they would be sensitive to this specific analog, namely dioxolane thymine. Therefore one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to administer them to a subject suffering from these drug-resistant strains. Thus the claims meet the requirements of 35 USC 102 and 103.

Accordingly, Applicant's amendment submitted April 1, 2009, in combination with the enclosed examiner's amendment, is sufficient to remove all rejections made in the prior office action as discussed above and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric S. Olson whose telephone number is 571-272-9051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on (571)272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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